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On page 1, <sup>after</sup> ~~between~~ the title of the invention "Link Element for  
Windshield Wipers" ~~and the heading "Background of the Invention" please~~  
~~insert:~~ *replace the first paragraph with the following:*

CROSS-REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLICATION

This patent application is a continuation-in-part of the patent  
application serial no. 09/284,399 filed on June 1, 1999, now U.S. patent no.  
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